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SUBJECT Purchase of Mercury by Swiss ~~Persons~~

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1. Frederic Hointrod of Geneva-Vuarin is reported to have purchased 3,000 flasks of mercury of unknown origin from the Gabbiani firm of Milan. It is believed that the mercury will be shipped to India.
2. One Maggi,* firm, of Morges, Switzerland, is reported to have purchased 3,000 flasks of mercury from the Bank of Spain. The mercury will be dispatched from Barcelona in shipments of 200 bottles at a time. The ultimate destination of the mercury is not known.

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* [REDACTED] Comment: The telephone directory lists a Maurice Maggi in Morges.

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Comment: There is no proof at hand that the above-described consignments of mercury are bound either for Communist China or Eastern Europe. However, since a large proportion of the traffic in mercury passing through Switzerland eventually enters the Soviet sphere, it was thought advisable to place the above transactions on record. Further details may eventually come to light.

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